

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered prior to examination of this application on the merits.

Amendments

The specification was amended to correct several typographical/inadvertent errors.

Specifically, in paragraph [0003], periods were added at the end of references 1 and 2 and these references were spaced apart.

In paragraph [0017], the plural was employed in the first sentence as they relate to words “methods” and “compositions” and the term “*in vivo*” was placed into italics.

In paragraph [0026], the plural was employed in part ii) as it relates to the word “compositions”.

Commas were introduced into paragraph [0027].

In paragraph [0037], the word “than” was introduced after “less”.

In paragraph [0039], the phrase “, provided that the amount of water employed is sufficiently small that the dissolved polymer upon contact with blood or other body fluid” was deleted as extraneous information. In particular, this application is directed to prepolymer delivery not dissolved polymers.

In paragraph [0040], the word “lubricous” was replaced with the more grammatically correct term “lubricity”.

A comma was introduced into paragraph [0054].

In paragraph [0056], the phrase “the rheological modifier” was deleted since this term is redundant in the paragraph and reference is clearly to the surfactant. In addition, an extraneous comma at the end of the paragraph was deleted.

In paragraph [0072], the phrase “polymerization of” was inserted after the word “initiating” as the initiator is clearly intended to initiate polymerization. In addition, a grammatical correction was entered into the last line of this paragraph.

As to the amendments to the claims, Claim 1 was amended to correct a grammatical error.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Entry of these amendments is earnestly solicited.

For the convenience of the USPTO, a conformed copy of the now pending claims is attached.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination of this application is earnestly solicited.

The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the cost of any petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-2859 referencing docket no. 554922010200. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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